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and One-Way Brake
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**SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY OF JOINT INVENTORS**

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DEAR COMMISSIONER:

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,305,621 B1, granted October 23, 2001, and for which a Reissue Application is being sought on the invention entitled "Pivoting Fluid Conduit Joint and One-Way Brake."

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath/declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of claiming more or less than I, as an inventor, had the right to claim in the patent, the excess or insufficiency in the claims being specified below.

The error(s) relied upon in the above statements is as follows:

The claims of the '621 patent are unnecessarily narrow. Thus, I believe that I claimed less than I had a right to claim in the '621 patent. For example, the scope of the invention of the '621 patent is broader than, and not necessarily limited to, a mechanism having all of the recited elements of Claim 1. For example, Claim 1 makes no mention of a monitor housing having a plurality of spiked folding legs and a valve handle. Thus, there has been a failure to appreciate the full scope of the invention.

This reissue is a broadening reissue, and the nature of the broadening is presented in now allowed claims 21, 22, 25 and 26. Some aspects of allowed claims 21, 22, 25 and 26 are narrower, however, than the broadest claims originally sought by Applicants. For example, allowed claims are now directed to a monitor housing having a plurality of spiked folding legs, a valve handle and a pivoting fluid conduit joint comprising a socket and a ball disposed in the socket for movement relative to the socket.

Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present Reissue Application, and which is not covered by the prior oath(s) and/or declaration(s) submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of Applicant. Further, all amendments filed as of this date correct all errors.

U.S. Patent No. 6,305,621 B1 has been assigned. A Consent to Reissue by the assignee was previously filed.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the Application on which priority is claimed:

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